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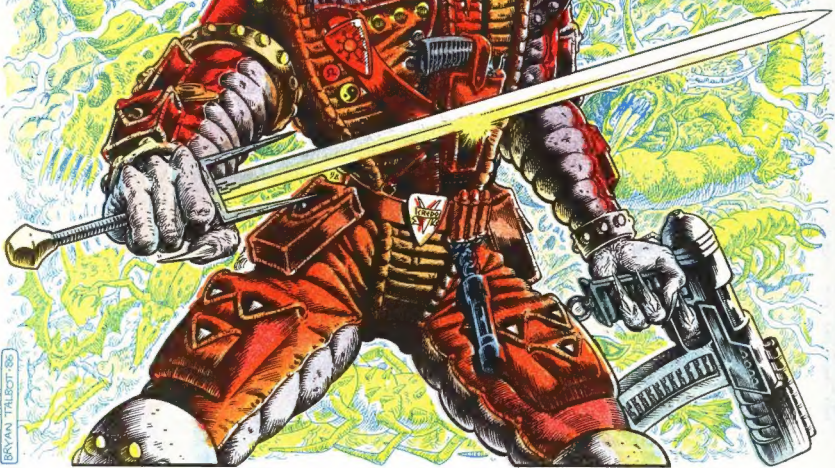
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NERVE CENTRE

BORAG THUNGG. EARTHLETS.

This week's edition of the galaxy's greatest comic programs the last in the present series of *Nemesis The Warlock*. The previous instalment of this scrotnig saga, Book Five, was given to you last year as one continuous epic: this time, with Book Six, I have decided to spread the thrills throughout the Terran calendar. This will enable those among the Squaxx dek Thargo with feeble circuitry to survive long enough to read it all, and will also allow the ageing robots who create the story to eke out their existence a little longer. When will the Warlock return? In the prog to end all progs – in cosmic celebration week...in Prog 500! I shall give you more details of this magnificent publication over the coming weeks, but in the meantime you may keep your circuits sizzling with *The Best Of 2000 AD Monthly 13* – on sale now priced a ludicrously low 85 Terran pence – featuring *Judge Dredd*, *Fink Angel* and the legendary *ABC Warriors*!

SPLUNDIG VUR THAIG!

THARG

Drawn by Earthlet Ben Green, Flynn, Australia. £10 Winner.



Drawn by Earthlet David Francis, Dartford. £10 Winner.

FUTURE WHORRRRR GAMES!

Borag Thungg, O Mighty One,

No one has yet written to you saying that they have completed the ghaffleurette *Strontium Dog* computer game, "The Killing". I have, so I am the first Earthlet to write in saying this. I would be honoured if you would award me a Krill Tro Thargo for my efforts. Also, did you know a *Rogue Trooper* computer game is due to be released this month?

From Earthlet Andrew Leong, Kidderminster. £5 Winner.

Countless Terrans have written in to brag about their success with the *Strontium Dog* game – so no KTT. However, countless Terrans have also written in to seek data on the new *Rogue Trooper* game – so I have arranged for it to be in action at the Personal Computer World Show in Olympia on September 5th, 6th and 7th.

SPOT THE SWOT

Dear Green One,

Can it be that the great man is finally failing? In your "Spot the Perp" feature in Prog 480, two crimes have been overlooked. On the left-hand page there are a couple of posters, both of which are illegal. The first one claims that *Judge Dredd* eats "Tasti-Bars"; to quote Dredd himself: "Using the image of a Judge in a commercial venture is illegal." Therefore the advertising agency responsible should be due for a fine at least. The other poster reads "Play Bingo" – a blatant incitement to gamble, for which the advertisers should also be punished.

From keen-eyed Earthlet Craig Naples, Newbury. £5 Winner.

Although several Terrans noticed the incredibly illegal 'Tasti-Bars' advertisement, you are the only one to write in to the Command Module about the equally incredibly illegal incitement to play bingo. Congratulations on spotting this deliberate mistake, and best of luck with the rest of your cadet training.

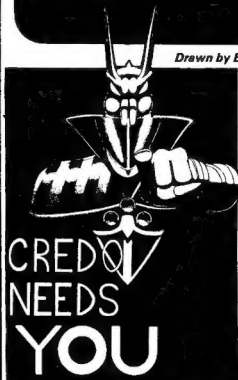
GREX-RATED

Borag Thungg, Tharg.

Please help me! I am very near to losing my mega-brill copies of 2000 AD. My parents have told me that they are for adults only, and they're threatening to curtail my weekly dose of this zarjaz comic. Please, O Green One, tell them otherwise.

From Earthlet Simon Breck-Paterson, London. £5 Winner.

Try not to panic. This is an old parental ruse: all they really want is to get their grabbers on your back prog collection. Tell them – politely but firmly – that 2000 AD is a family comic. If this fails to hit home, buy two copies a week and leave one lying around the house for them to throw away.



CRED NEEDS YOU

VOTE HERE!

Each week Tharg displays your drawings and letters on his Nerve Centre. There are big cash prizes for every entry published, so write to him now! The address is: THARG'S NERVE CENTRE, COMMAND MODULE 2018, KING'S REACH TOWER, STAMFORD STREET, LONDON SE1 9LS.

List your three favourite stories
IN THIS PROG on the coupon and
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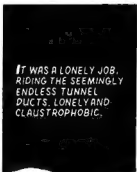
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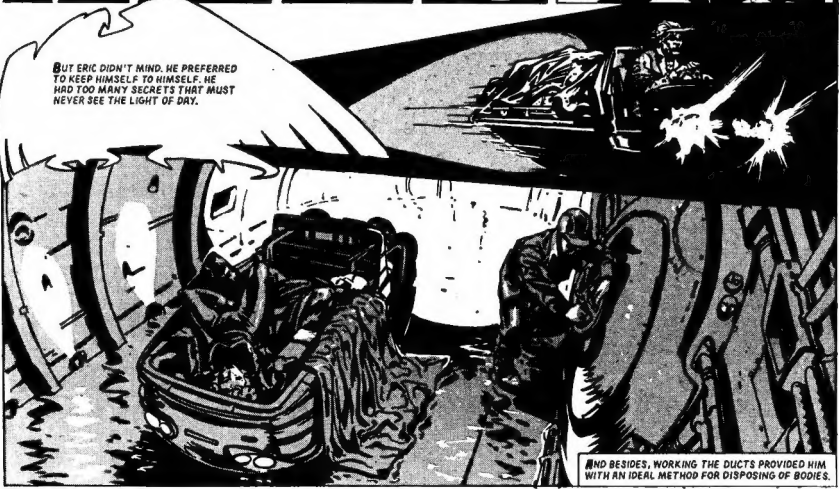
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IT WAS A LONELY JOB, RIDING THE SEEMINGLY ENDLESS TUNNEL DUCTS. LONELY AND CLAUSTROPHOBIC.

BUT ERIC DIDN'T MIND. HE PREFERRED TO KEEP HIMSELF TO HIMSELF. HE HAD TOO MANY SECRETS THAT MUST NEVER SEE THE LIGHT OF DAY.



AND BESIDES, WORKING THE DUCTS PROVIDED HIM WITH AN IDEAL METHOD FOR DISPOSING OF BODIES.

JUDGE DREDD IN ATLANTIS PART 3



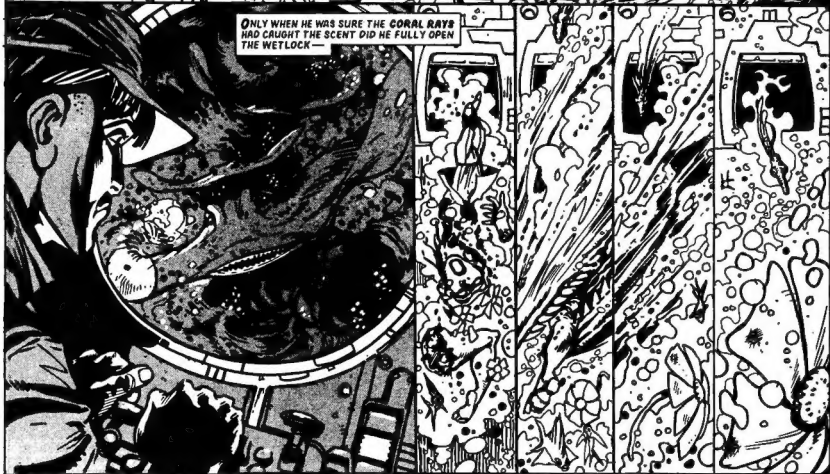
THERE WERE TWO THIS TIME. THE MOST HE AND AUDREY HAD EVER HANDLED WAS A FAMILY OF FIVE. THE SMITHS. THEY'D BEEN ON THEIR WAY TO DO THE GRAND EURO-CIT TOUR.

FIVE PEOPLE AND THEY'D ONLY HAD SEVENTY-NINE CRED\$ IN CASH! WHAT A FIASCO!



HE LACERATED THE BODIES AND OPENED THE SEA DOOR JUST A CRACK THIS TIME, LETTING THE BLOOD TASTE SEEP OUT INTO THE MURKY DEPTHS. THEY COULDN'T AFFORD ANOTHER MISTAKE LIKE ROWLEY.

ONLY WHEN HE WAS SURE THE CORAL RAYS HAD CAUGHT THE SCENT DID HE FULLY OPEN THE WETLOCK —



HE WATCHED THE FEEDING FRENZY UNTIL
THE LAST SCRAP WAS TAKEN.

IT HAD BEEN HIS CARELESSNESS OVER BRIAN ROWLEY
THAT HAD LED TO THE BODY BEING FOUND.

AUDREY WAS BEING VERY GOOD ABOUT IT, NOT BLAMING
HIM — BUT THEY BOTH KNEW IT WAS HIS FAULT.

TILL, NO MATTER, THERE
WAS NO WAY THE JUDGES COULD
LINK ROWLEY TO THEM. THEY
WERE SAFE.

FORENSIC REPORT
ON BRIAN ROWLEY,
DREDD.

DEAD BEFORE HE
REACHED THE
BIG FISH.

CYANIDE, EH?

ANYONE ON
ATLANTIS HAVE
ACCESS TO
THAT?

MAINTENANCE STAFF USE IT
FOR POISONING TUNNEL RATS.
SOME DRUG STORES MIGHT
HAVE IT ON PRESCRIPTION.
THAT'S ABOUT IT.

YOU CHECK OUT THE
PHARMACIES, LONSDALE.
WE'LL HAVE ALL TUNNEL
STAFF BROUGHT IN FOR
QUESTIONING.

LOOKS LIKE WE MIGHT BE
GETTING SOMEWHERE.

THEY CALLED ERIC ON THE TUNNEL CIRCUIT. HE RUSHED STRAIGHT HOME —

WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE, AUDREY!

I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO STAND UP TO QUESTIONING. THE JUDGES ALWAYS GET THE TRUTH!

OH, I KNEW IT WOULD COME TO THIS!

WE'VE STILL GOT DUCKWORTH'S MONEY. HE CAN WHISTLE — DIRTY BLACKMAILER!

WE'LL STEAL A CAR —

NO! THAT WON'T WORK. THE JUDGES WILL BE ON TO US BEFORE WE REACH EITHER END OF THE TUNNEL!

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY — THE REPAIR SUB!

STEAL THE SUB?

WE'VE NO CHOICE!

WHAT ABOUT LESLIE?

HE'LL COME TOO, OF COURSE.

WOW! YOU MEAN I'M GETTING TO LEAVE THE APARTMENT?

I MEAN HE'LL BE BEEN. HE'LL DRAW ATTENTION TO US.

WE CAN HIDE IN THE SUITCASE. I'LL CARRY HIM.

YOU'VE GOTTA BE JOKING!

YOU'VE KEPT ME LOCKED UP IN THIS ROTTEN APARTMENT FOR NINE YEARS! NOW WHEN I DO GET OUT I HAVE TO GO IN A ROTTEN SUITCASE! WELL I'M NOT DOING IT! I'M NOT!

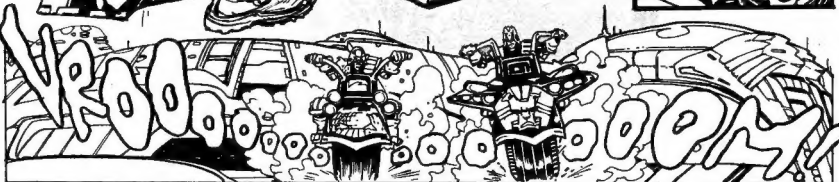
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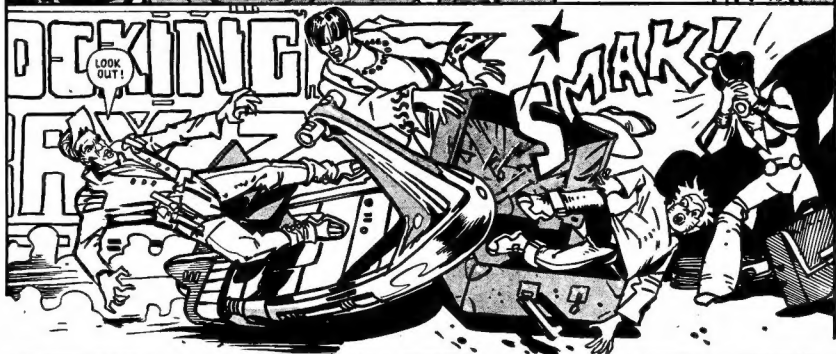
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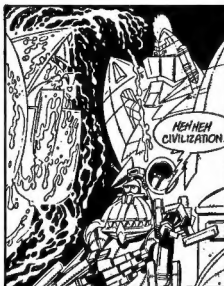
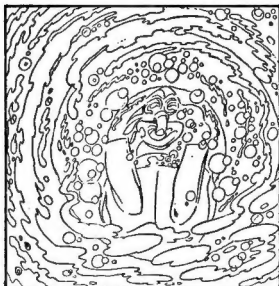
YOU WANT US TO GO TO THE CUBES, LESLIE? YOU WANT TO END UP ON YOUR OWN IN THE CURSED EARTH? MMM?

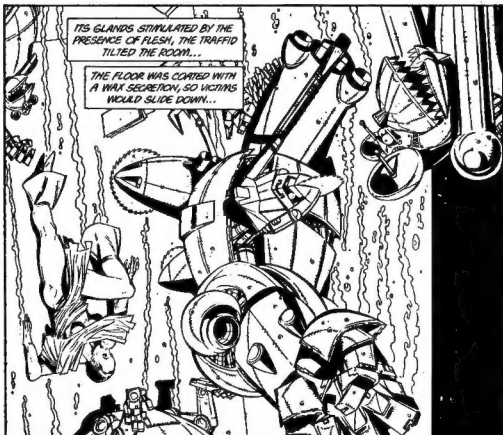
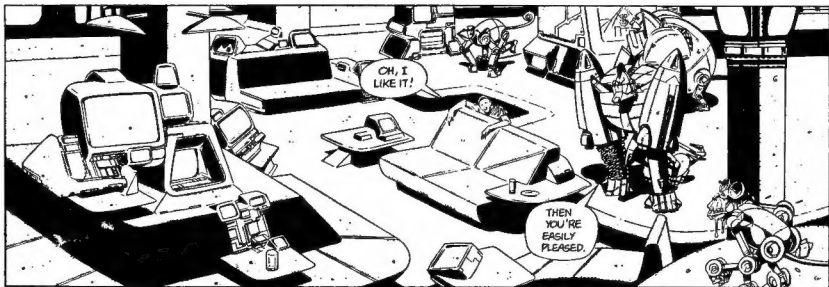
THEY DON'T ALLOW MUTANTS IN THE CITIES. YOU KNOW YOU WANT THAT TO HAPPEN TO YOU?

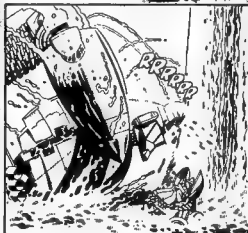
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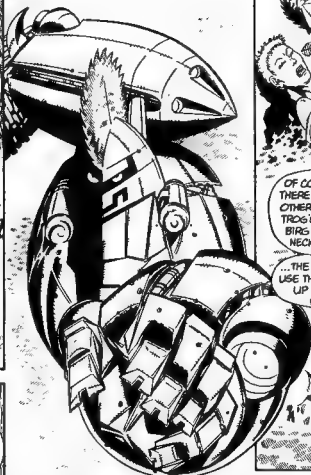






...MANY OF THEM TURNING
INTO RAMPAGIOUS KILLERS...

IT'S THE
HUMAN THE
TRAFFIC WANTS!
MAYBE IF I KILL
HER, IT'LL STOP
THE PROCESS.



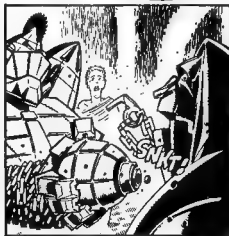
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THERE'S ONE
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...THE MINERS
USE THEM TO BLOW
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WORKING.

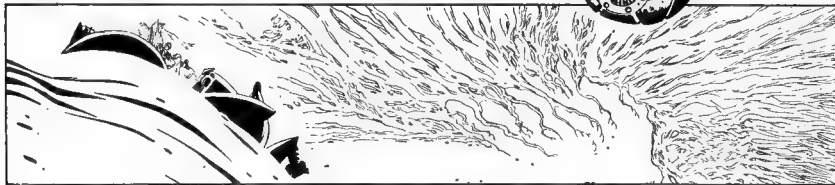


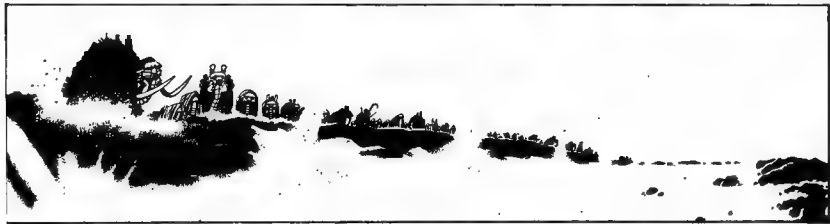
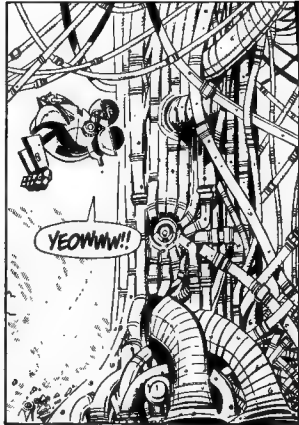
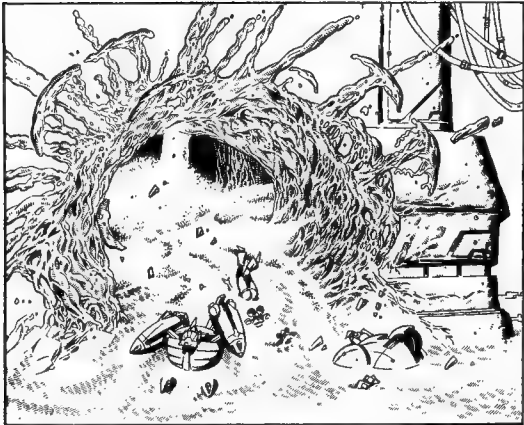
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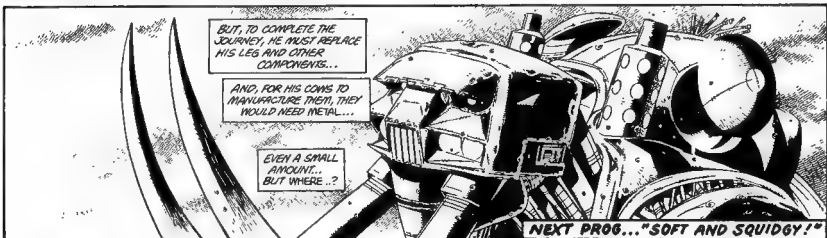
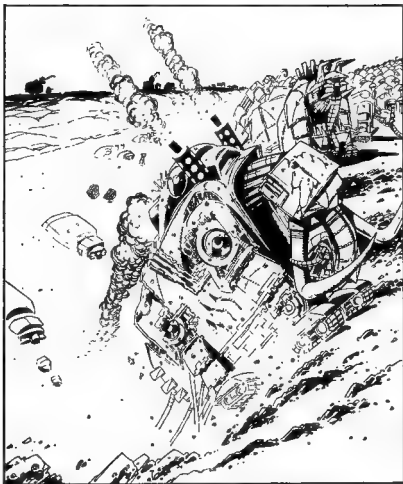
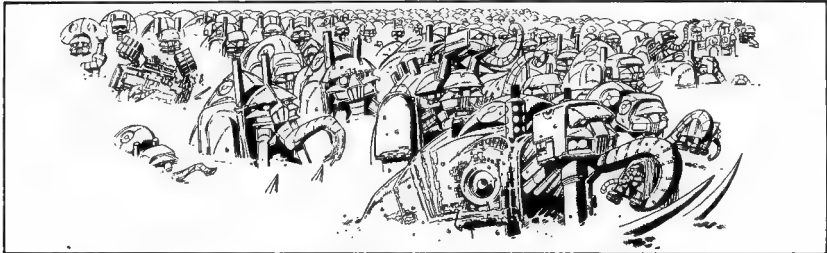
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TO REACH THE
WORM'S
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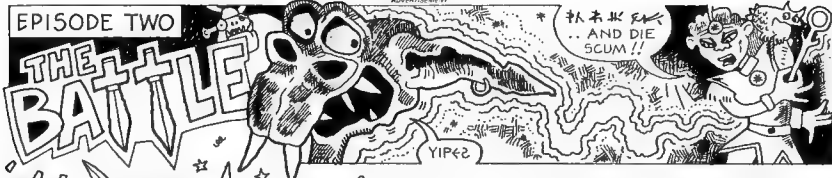
BUT I
COULDN'T
BE 100%
ON THAT...





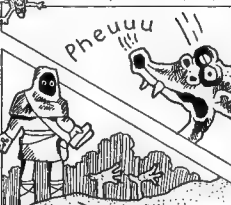


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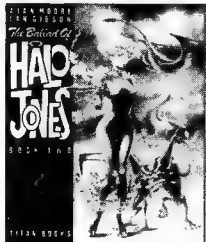
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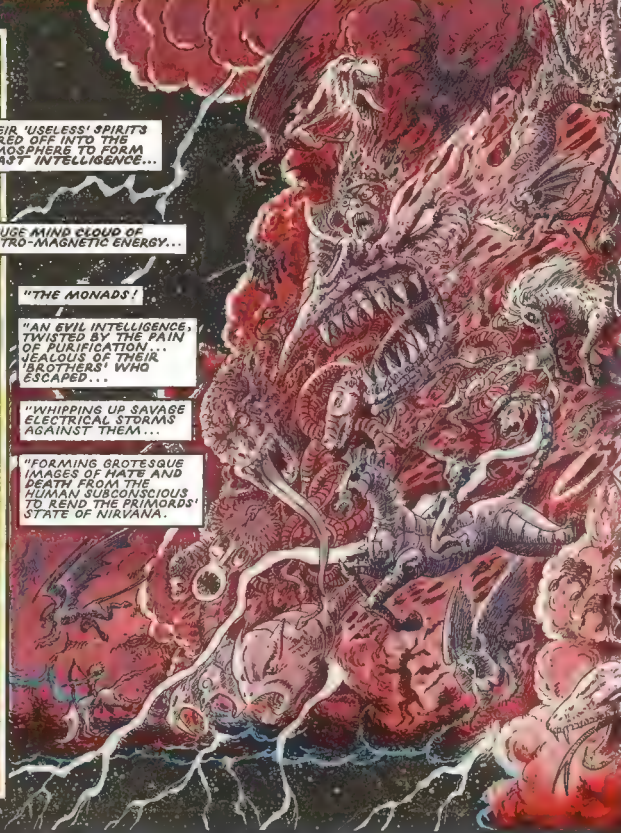
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THE GRAND MASTER RANTED ON TO AN IMAGINARY AUDIENCE OF TERMITES.

I IMPLORE YOU ONCE AGAIN: WATCH OUT FOR THE WEREWOLF AT THE WINDOW! THE DEVIANT AT THE DOOR! THE VAMPIRE UP YOUR VENTILATION SHAFT! YOU MAY MOCK; YOU MAY LAUGH! BUT YOU WON'T BE LAUGHING WHEN YOU'RE BURNING IN MY INCINERATOR! YOU WON'T BE SMIRKING WHEN I TAKE THE PLIERS TO YOU ON THE TORTURE TABLE!

OH, NO: YOU'VE STARTED HIM OFF NOW, GUV'NOR!

WHEN HE GOES INTO HIS HATE FRENZY, NOTHING CAN STOP THAT STREAM OF CONCENTRATED BIGOTRY.

BUT IT'S NOT ALL MISERY AND PAIN AND TORTURE, BROTHERS AND SISTERS! ALTHOUGH THAT'S 80% - FOR I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS, TOO!

YOU'RE ALL WHITE MEN NOW!

THE HUMAN RACE IS FINALLY UNITED! OUT THERE IN SPACE ARE THE ONES TO FEAR: THE ONES WHO ARE DIFFERENT! THE FOREIGNERS: THE ALIENS!

SO LET'S CLEANSE AND PURIFY IT. LET'S MAKE THIS GALAXY OF OURS CLEANER, PURER THAN YOUR EYES THOUGHT POSSIBLE. LET'S SEE THE STARS SHINING BRIGHT WITH A SNOWY PURE WHITENESS YOU'VE NEVER KNOWN BEFORE.

HOW CAN YOU STAY WITH THAT MANIAC? LISTEN TO HIM!

YES, LISTEN TO HIS POWER!

AH, SO THAT'S IT. YOU LIKE THE TASTE OF POWER.

PERHAPS... WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?

DO IT! DO IT FOR TORQUEMADA! DO IT FOR TERMITIGHT! BUT ABOVE ALL... DO IT WITH ZEAL!

MAYBE YOU SHOULD LISTEN TO MY HUSBAND'S WARNING ABOUT HAVING TRUCK WITH AN EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL.


WHY YOU-!

DON'T YOU TAKE ANY NOTICE OF HER LOVE, YOU LIESER TRUCKING.

AND REMEMBER: NEVER FORGET! NEVER FORGIVE! NEVER FOR FUN!


THREE TIMES BEFORE MARY WITH A RED HOT POKER....

IF YOU'VE QUITE FINISHED, TORQUEMADA... YOUR EVIL CREATIONS ARE ABOUT TO RAIN DOWN ON US.




I DON'T SEE WHAT ALL THE FUSS IS ABOUT. ALL RIGHT, THIS PRIMORDIAL SLIME IS ORGANIC IN ORIGIN - BUT THE NEED FOR ENERGY MUST COME BEFORE HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS.

IT ALWAYS USED TO.



YES, PITY NEVER GOT IN THE WAY OF YOU KILLING ROBOTS AND DRINKING THEIR OIL.




BUT BLACKBLOOD'S GOT A POINT... I USE ORGANIC MATTER AS FUEL - LEFT-OVER FOOD AND YOU-KNOW-WHAT IS CONVERTED INSIDE ME INTO GAS.

METHANE!



YES, WE HAD NOTICED.



IS THAT THE STRANGE SMELL IN THE AIR?

NO! THE SMELL OF PURE EVIL! THE MONADS! BACK TO THE SHIP!



TOO LATE!



WATCH
OUT! HITAKI'S
GONE! HIS
HEAD!



SOMEBODY
DISCONNECT
HIM!



LEAVE IT TO
MEK-QUAKE!



THAT
WASN'T WHAT
NEMESIS HAD
IN MIND!

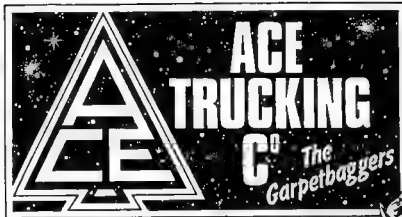
GIVE ME A
WEAPON! LET ME
CLEANSE THESE
DEVIAN'TS!

NO WAY!

JOE!
KEEP AN EYE
ON HIM!





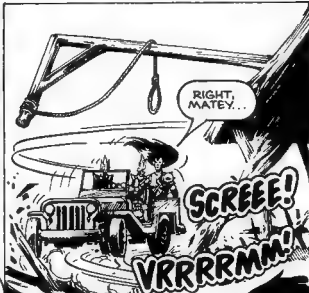
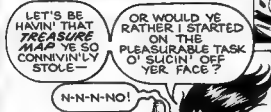


SCENE 12: SILENT CITY. OUR HEROES EFFECT A DARING RESCUE.

YAAAAAGH!

KEERASSH!

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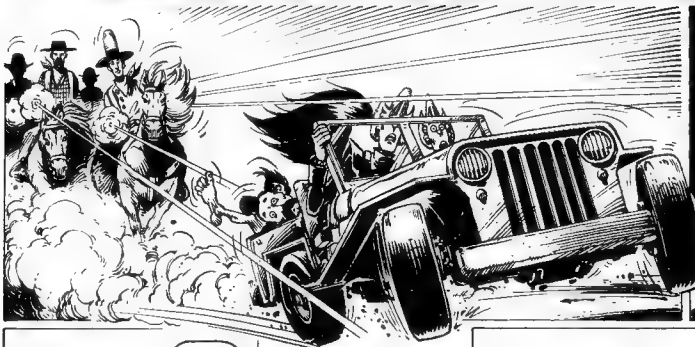


ENTER SILENT COWBOYS OF THE SILVER SCREEN



"THESE
OUTLAWS
HAVE
RESCUED
MELVYN
BARG!"

"WE'VE
GOT TO
STOP
THEM.
HOP-
ALONG!"



"PEOOW!
ZING!
ZING!
SPANG!
SPANG!
PEOOW!
PEOOW!"



HOOTIN'
HECK!



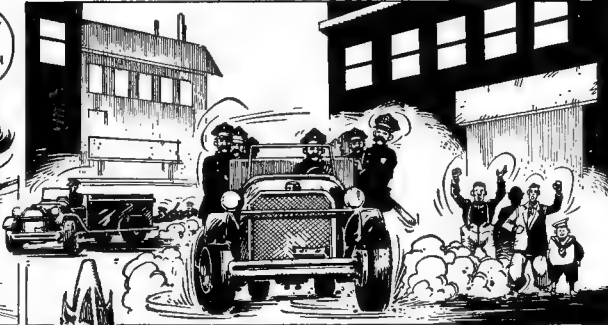
SHIVER ME
LIVER! MAN
OVERBOARD!



AFTER
HIM,
GARY!

AGH! LET
ME GO! YOU'VE
GOT THIS ALL
WRONG! OH!

I'M THE
CRITIC! YAAH!
I SHOULD BE
DRAGGING
YOU THROUGH
THE MUD!



"HURRAH!
IT'S THE
KEYSTONE
COPS!"

"THEY'LL
SORT
THIS
OUT!"

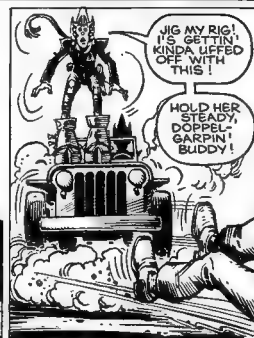


COME BACK
HERE!
STACKBRAGGER!



OH NO!

IT'S THE
THICKS!



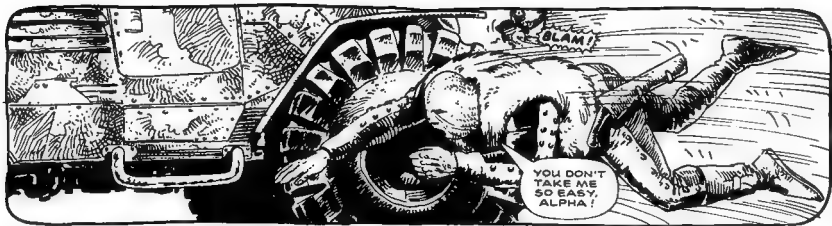
DRAGON'S WORLD — WHERE MUTANT
BOUNTYHUNTER JOHNNY ALPHA
HAS TRACKED DOWN HIS PARTNER'S
KILLERS...

MAKE FOR THE
SKIMMERS! WE
GOTTA GET
OUTA HERE!

Strontium 2000 RAGE

MAX
BUBBA!

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YOU OKAY, MAX?

WHAT
D'YOU
THINK? HE
BLEW OFF
YOUR
SHOULDER
TOO!



COME ON —
THE
SKIMMERS!



WHERE WE
HEADED, MAX?

BACK TO THE
MONASTERY. THE
CHUMP-DOC CAN
FIX US UP. WE'LL
GET THE BOYS
AN' GO AFTER
ALPHA!





WULF DIDN'T DIE
EASY—AND I AIM
TO SEE YOU DON'T,
EITHER!

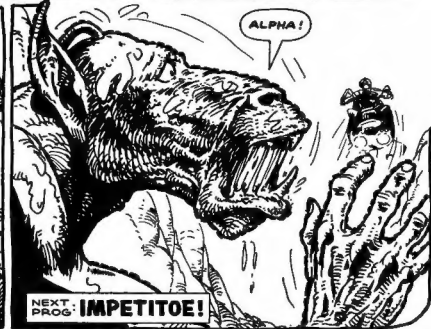
WHAT
THE—?

BADRAM!

BADRAM!

AVALANCHE!

UNGGGH!



NEXT: **IMPETITOE!**

VOTE FOR SWIFT



IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE,
SO DON'T TRUST IN CHANCE,
TRUST IN **SWIFT!**
SWIFT IS THE MAN FOR **THE JOB,**
AND **THE JOB'S** A JOB FOR
THE MAN!

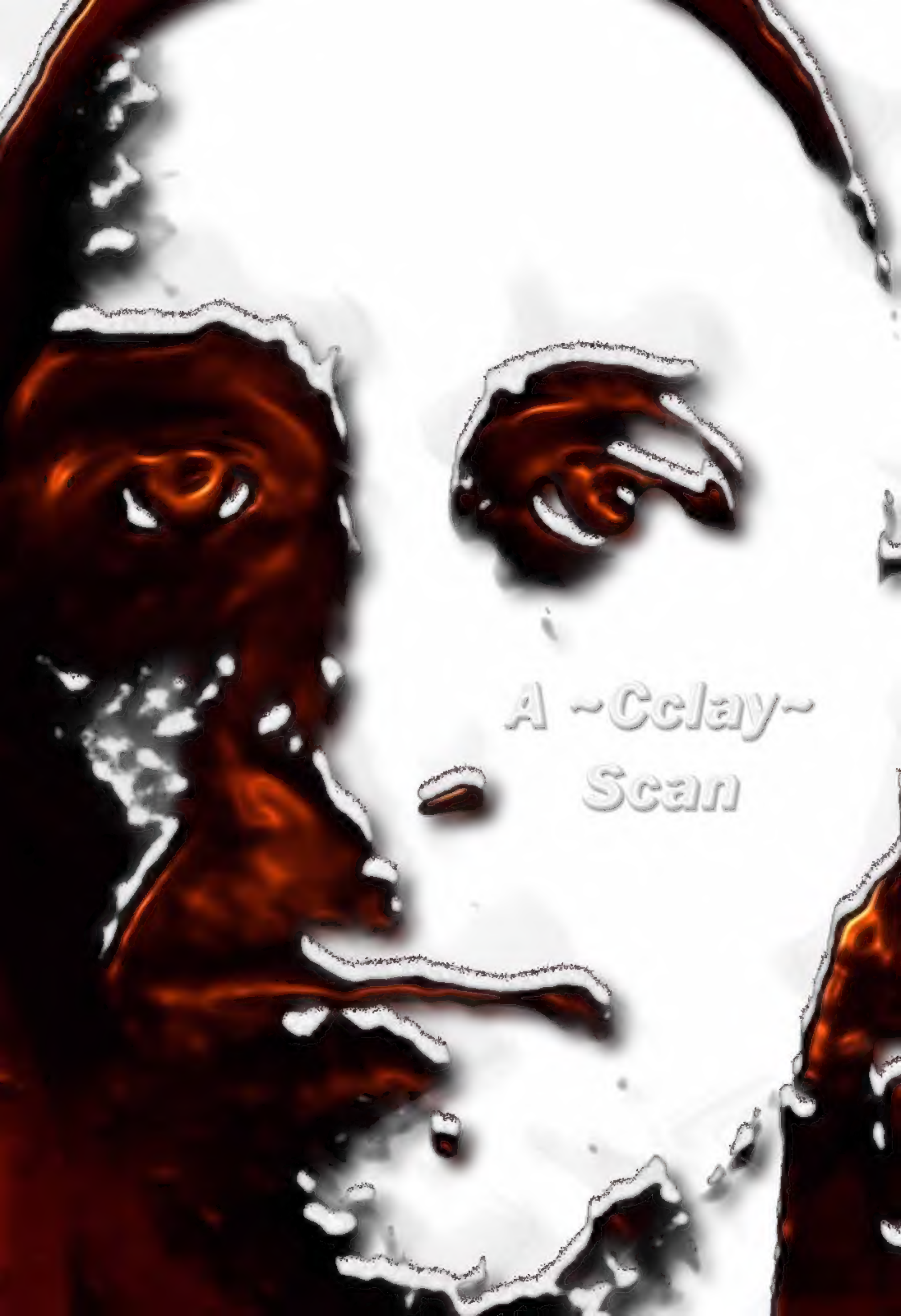
THE MAN IS **SWIFT.**
AND SWIFT IS **THE BUSINESS.**
UNEMPLOYMENT. FAMINE,
NUCLEAR WASTE, VIOLENCE,
MADNESS, MUTANTS...
WE DON'T CARE ABOUT
ANY OF THAT.

AND BE HONEST, NOR DO **YOU!**
IF ELECTED, SWIFT WILL WORK
TIRELESSLY TO STAY IN POWER.

HE'LL RUN ALL OVER THE
PLACE DOING THINGS YOU
AREN'T QUITE INTELLIGENT
ENOUGH TO UNDERSTAND.
WHICH IS JUST AS WELL.

SO REMEMBER,
IT'S TIME FOR SWIFT
DECISIONS, SO LET YOUR
DECISION BE **SWIFT!**

YOU KNOW IT MOCKS SENSE!



A ~Cclay~
Scan